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REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that in the Office Action the Examiner required to elect one of the inventions between the hand grinder defined in claims 1-10 and the hand grinder defined in claims 11-17.

With the present communication applicant has amended the specification to provide the required headings, to eliminate the references to claims, and in general to bring the application in compliance with the requirements of the U.S. Patent Practice.

In connection with the Examiner's election requirement, applicant has elected for further prosecution the invention drawn to a hand grinder and defined in claims 1-10. Also, applicant elected for further prosecution Figures 1-4.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is generic to both inventions disclosed, while claims 1-10 are readable on the elected invention of the hand grinder and Figure 1-4.

The Examiner's election requirement is however respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is a U.S. national phase application based on the previous PCT application, and therefore it has to follow the regulations of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

In accordance with Chapter 13 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, it is acceptable to maintain in a single application several species between several inventions which have common inventive idea.

From consideration of claim 1 related to the first embodiment of the present invention and claim 11 related to the second embodiment of the present invention, it can be seen that the hand grinders in accordance with both embodiments have common features which are specified in lines 1-6 of claim 1 and in lines 1-7 of claim 11. Therefore, in accordance with the PCT regulations and as a consequence in accordance with the U.S. regulations based on the PCT regulations, the claims dealing with two different embodiments or species can be maintained in the present application.

It is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the election requirement and to prosecute in this application all claims related to the both embodiments of the present invention.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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